question. But, on reconsideration, he thought that it would be enough if the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspectors of Schools investigated into the matter and took the necessary steps for remedying the growing evil. The essential requisites for safe-guarding the health of the school-children were settled things, and all that was necessary was to examine if the Sirkar schools satisfied those requirements, and, if not, to set about supplying them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

113. A plea for inceased aid and support from the Government for the education of the Malayala Brahmins.

Mr. Thrivikramar Vasudevar (Member, Nominated) said that the Malayala Brahmins had to observe Brahmacharya till the 14th year of age, and during that period they could not wear any cloth. The provisions of the Education Code requiring the boys to be properly dressed and insisting on the production of a leaving certificate from a recognised school acted as serious impediments to the education of the community. It was not an easy thing to change their *acharas* to suit the requirements of the Code. He therefore asked for the following concessions being granted with a view to encourage the spread of education in the community:—

(1) The boys of the community seeking admission in any school should not be required to produce a certificate from a recognised school, but they should be examined by the headmaster and admitted into the classes for which they might be found fit. In other words, the private education of a boy at home should qualify him for admission to a higher standard.

(2) In view of their *acharas* above referred to, the Bill introduced into the Legislative Council for making Elementary Education compulsory, if it should become law, should not be made applicable to the Malayala Brahmins.

(3) The provisions of the Education Code should not also apply, in the matter of recognition and awarding grants, to the special schools started by the community.

(4) There should be no restriction to the number of admissions in the Special School at Kunnathur. The school should be raised to the standard of a High School and the necessary buildings put up. Boarding arrangements should also be made for the students. The community would give the required lands free of compensation.

The Member added that the savings to the Government under the head of "*Oathoottu*" would more than meet the expenditure entailed by his proposals.

Mr. Devan Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) requested that, in view of the backward condition of the Malayala Brahmins in the matter of education, facilities should be afforded by the Government in the following ways:—

(1) The boys of the community receiving private instruction should be examined and admitted to the classes for which they were fit.

(2) The Malayala Brahmin boys should be exempted from the payment of school-fees in all Sirkar schools.

(3) The members of the community now in the public service should be encouraged by giving them rapid promotion.

(4) The unpassed members of the community, who were able to read and write well, should be given appointments suited to their qualifications, in such departments as the Devaswom, Registration and Anchal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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